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THIS IS ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE – THE ROAD TO EARTH DAY. I'M JINI RYAN. SUSTAINABILITY IS A BUZZ WORD IN THE ARMY'S STRATEGY TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT. SUSTAINABILITY CONNECTS TODAY'S MILITARY TRAINING WITH TOMORROW'S ACTIVITIES THROUGH SOUND ENVIRONMENTAL PRACTICES.

SOLDIERS ARE THE CENTERPIECE OF THE ARMY. SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAMS GUARANTEE THEY WILL HAVE RANGES TO TRAIN ON TODAY AND CAN PASS THOSE SAME TRAINING LANDS TO THEIR SONS AND DAUGHTERS WHO VOLUNTEER TO SERVE THEIR COUNTRY YEARS FROM NOW.

COL Tony Francis/ USAEC Commander: "In high school when you saw someone pull up with an old Ford, that was just mint condition, Ford Mustang convertible, and you knew that somebody took a lot of care of that vehicle for years and years – changed the oil, changed the tires, tuned it up. We have to do the same thing with our environment. We have to do things to it now, so that it's sustainable for the long-term so that when we use it now, we'll be able to use it again in the future."

SUSTAINABILITY ENCOMPASSES ALL ASPECTS OF INSTALLATION OPERATIONS – FROM TRAINING AND

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DEPLOYMENT TO QUALITY OF LIFE ON POST AND THE NEEDS OF NEIGHBORING COMMUNITIES. IT'S MORE THAN JUST SIMPLY COMPLYING WITH ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS.

SUSTAINABILITY ENCOURAGES SOLDIERS TO USE SMART CONSERVATION AND POLLUTION PREVENTION PRACTICES.

COL Tony Francis/ USAEC Commander: Just like many of the things that we did growing up: to conserving energy, turning off electricity, not running your vehicle when you don't have to, to keep the air pollution down. A lot of the same things that we do as civilians to conserve, we can do in the military.

THE ARMY BELIEVES THESE KINDS OF COMMON SENSE APPROACHES TO EVERYDAY PRACTICES WILL HELP SOLDIERS AND CIVILIANS "SUSTAIN THE ENVIRONMENT FOR A SECURE FUTURE."

THAT'S ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE. FROM WASHINGTON, I'M JINI RYAN.